WFP Video New Release

Violence In Eastern DRC Forces Thousands To Flee
Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

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00:00-00:32 Nyakabande Transit Centre, Uganda  Shot 13-14 July 2012
Refugees arriving by foot, refugees on a van crossing border

00:32-00:42 Nkamira Transit Centre, Rwanda  Shot 26 - 27 June 2012
Refugees arriving at transit camp where they will be registered as refugees
Various of the camp

00:42-01:09 Nkamira Transit Centre, Rwanda  Shot 27 June 2012
SOT Abdoulaye Balde - WFP Rwanda Country Director

“These people are isolated they have no means of coping they left everything behind in Congo. we just heard somebody who left 70 cattle behind, others have left other goods so they come here they have no access to land, Rwanda has limited land on its own and people here depend entirely or to a great extent on the international community’s assistance through WFP, UNHCR and other agencies.”

01:09-01:28 Nkamira Transit Centre, Rwanda  Shot 27 June 2012
WFP food distribution / blanket handouts
child next to cooking pot

01:28-01:48 Mugunga Camp, Goma, DRC Shot 13 July 2012
Displaced people eating beans
People cooking WFP beans

01:48-01:58 Mugunga Camp, Goma, DRC    Shot 13-14 July 2012
Various of the camp

01:58-02:08 IHUSI, South Kivu, DRC    Shot: 13-14 July 2012
WFP ration card distribution of emergency food distribution for displaced people

02:08-02:18 Mugunga, Goma, DRC    Shot 13-14 July 2012
people using WFP vouchers to buy food

02:18 - 02:34 Ihusi, DRC    Shot 13-14 July 2012
Offloading WFP food bags from trucks, WFP food distribution, lady walks away with WFP flour

WFP operations in Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda.

In all three countries, WFP is responding to a new wave of violence that has forced hundreds of thousands of Congolese to abandon their homes in search of safety elsewhere in the country or across the Rwandan and Ugandan borders.

In DR Congo, conflict has caused massive displacements since the beginning of the year. WFP is providing assistance to people newly displaced as well as those forced out of their communities by previous waves of violence. Displaced people receive monthly food rations or vouchers to be used at local markets to purchase food. Since March 2012, WFP provided assistance to 535,000 people, 350,000 of them newly displaced.
In Rwanda, nearly 20,000 Congolese have crossed the border since April in search of safety. WFP initially provides emergency food assistance to the refugees as soon as they arrive at the Nkamira Transit Centre, and then continues to give them monthly food rations when they settle at Kigeme Camp, a new camp opened by Rwandan authorities.

In Uganda, Congolese who cross the border first receive assistance and hot meals cooked by WFP at Nyakabande transit centre. Over 30,000 people have crossed the border to seek refuge in Uganda this year. Once the registration is completed, Congolese refugees are relocated to settlements further inland where they continue to receive food assistance from WFP.

In DRC, Rwanda and Uganda, WFP is responding to this emergency while continuing its support to tens of thousands of refugees and people displaced by earlier conflicts in eastern DRC. The agency is mobilizing resources to address the crisis but faces significant budget shortfalls in all three countries. Recently, WFP has been forced to cut food rations in DRC and Uganda due to lack of funding.